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In re National Phase PCT Application of

Axel LANG et al.

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For: Method For Detecting The State Of A Catalytic  
Converter System

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Prior to the issuance of a first Office Action and simultaneously with the filing of  
the present application, please amend said application as follows:

In the Specification:

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